

Minutes of Water Users' Meeting
Lower San Pitch System
Wednesday, January 31, 1973
2:30 p.m.

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In attendance for the State Engineer: Donald C. Norseth, Distribution Engineer
Stanley Green, Area Engineer

The meeting was opened by Donald C. Norseth, who discussed the general water condition for the coming year. It appeared at this time that the water situation would be better for the coming year than it had been in the past; however, much would depend on the nature of the run off and the early spring storms.

He introduced Stanley Green, the Area Engineer, and commented that questions regarding the river system should be directed to him. He also introduced Carl Carpenter of the Central Utah Water Conservancy District. After these brief comments, he turned the meeting over to Ben Kjar, Chairman of the Lower San Pitch Water Users' Committee.

Chairman Kjar requested that the minutes be read by Donald C. Norseth. The minutes were read and approved unanimously.

The Chairman then asked Mr. Norseth for the financial statement. The financial statement was read. It was pointed out that \$75 had been approved by the committee for the publishing of the 1972 reports and that figure would show on the 1973 report, since the publishing of the report is done during the following year. It was then moved and seconded and the financial statement was accepted unanimously.

Chairman Kjar asked for the Commissioner's report. Mr. John McIntosh, the Lower San Pitch River Commissioner reviewed the Commissioner's report and passed copies to the representatives of each company present.

There was some discussion on many of the records of diversions and particularly the division between the Mayfield and the Gunnison Irrigation Companies and the Gunnison-Fayette Canal Company. It was pointed out that there has been question regarding Gunnison-Fayette diversion, and the Commissioner had met with the Area Engineer and the Sevier River Commissioner, Roger Walker, to recommend points of measurement which would indicate the actual diversions into the Gunnison-Fayette Canal from the San Pitch River.

It was pointed out that some measuring devices may be required. Carl Carpenter commented that the Central Utah Water Conservancy District would be willing to participate in the cost of installing measuring devices where they would be beneficial for the records of the district in the allocation of waters on the Sevier River and its tributaries. It was moved and the report was accepted unanimously.

* The Chairman led the discussion on the budget for 1973. John McIntosh commented that there would probably be additional mileage because of the increased number of points to be read during the coming year. It was pointed out that \$900 had been budgeted for travel. It was then moved and seconded that the budget be maintained the same as 1972. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Chairman then asked for nomination for River Commissioner. It was moved and passed that John McIntosh be recommended for reappointment as Commissioner. This recommendation was accepted by Donald C. Norseth.

* Mr. Norseth discussed the assessment system. He reviewed the history leading to the distribution of waters on the Lower San Pitch and said that at the time distribution was begun the irrigation companies were assessed on the basis of acreage under their systems, with the understanding that as soon as records were compiled and adequate, that they would shift from the acreage basis to an acre-foot basis.

* Those present discussed problems in making this assessment, particularly those of the Price Diversion, the Sanpete Drainage District, and whether or not winter water should be assessed.

* Mr. Norseth stated that he will review the assessment procedure and will make recommendation to the committee.

It was pointed out during the discussion that Manti and Ephraim Irrigation Companies were not included in the distribution because the primary waters from their respective sources did not reach the San Pitch River.

Elections were held to select the committee officers for the River Committee. It was proposed that the officers on the committee should be elected for 2-year periods and that the Chairman and the first, third, and fifth Chairman would be elected at the meeting every odd year, and the Vice-Chairman, the second and fourth Chairmen would be elected each even year. The motion was passed unanimously.

The following officers were then elected:

Ben Kjar - Chairman
Raymond Jensen - First Chairman
Ray Cox - Third Chairman
Erwin Roberts - Fifth Chairman

The remainder of the officers will be the same as previously elected.

It was then moved and passed that the meeting be adjourned.

The following persons were in attendance:

Donald Norseth - Division of Water Rights
John McIntosh - Commissioner
Afton Larsen - San Pitch Drainage District
Robert Johnson - San Pitch Drainage District
Raymond Jensen - No. Six Mile Irrigation Company
Rendell Hendrickson - Gunnison-Fayette Canal Company
Erwin Roberts - Gunnison-Fayette Canal Company
Vearl Christiansen - Mayfield Irrigation Company
Grant Cox - Manti Irrigation and Reservoir Company
Ray P. Cox - Manti Irrigation and Reservoir Company
Stanley Price - Price Dam
Carl H. Carpenter - Central Utah Water Conservancy District
J. Lindon Anderson - Sterling Irrigation Company
James G. Allen - Ephraim Olsen Ditch
Clyde R. Olsen - Ephraim Olsen Ditch
Stanley Green - Division of Water Rights
Ben Kjar - Chairman